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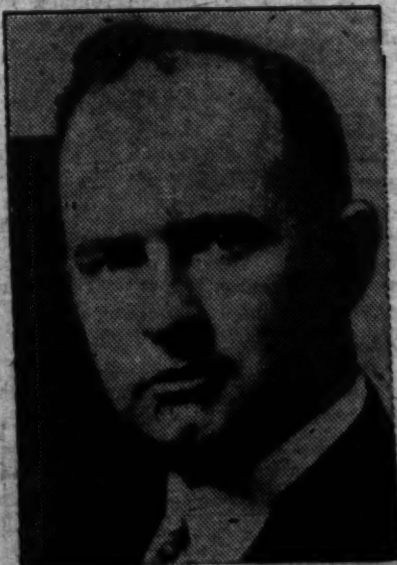
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## What the TWU Is Fighting For

These are the demands of the CIO Transport Workers Union:

1. \$2 a day increase.
2. One rate of pay in each title.
3. Three weeks' vacation after five years' service.
4. Unused sick leave added to vacation.
5. An improved pension plan for the 32,000 employees of the Board of Transportation providing for retirement at not less than half pay after 20 years service, the cost of same to be met in full by the Board of Transportation.
6. Veterans pension for years in the armed forces to be paid by the Board of Transportation.



MICHAEL QUILL  
Leader Transit Workers

7. Payment for all swing time over one hour.
8. Payment for all dead-heading time.
9. Trackmen to receive same rates as Maintainers.
10. Payment for overtime after eight hours per day in all departments.
11. Bonus workers to receive full bonus pay for vacation.
12. Overtime pay for per annum employees.
13. Provisionals to receive credit for service rendered in Civil Service examinations to become permanent employees.
14. 10 cents an hour differential for all night work.
15. Eleven paid holidays as granted to all city employees.
16. A signed union contract providing for union security, grievance machinery, arbitration and sole collective bargaining rights.



# No Chattel Slaves in the Subway

## AN EDITORIAL

SLAVERY by lawbook.

That's the philosophy of John J. Bennett, New York City's Corporation Counsel.

He says New York's 32,000 subway workers do not have the rights of other free Americans. According to Mr. Bennett, the city's transit workers can't decide their bargaining agent and can't have that union meet with their employers, the Board of Transportation.

So they must remain underground in their dank and difficult jobs forever and not fight for pay increases or other improved conditions in the manner of other workers.

Why? Because, says Mr. Bennett, the law doesn't allow it.

Let's examine his arguments and see whether they have merit.

Mr. Bennett says the New York State Constitution requires that all appointments to civil service "shall be made according to merit and fitness."

Who challenges that? Does the Transport Workers Union want to change that? Has it ever asked for any other arrangement?

Hasn't the labor movement always been one of the staunchest supporters of the merit system in the public service as against the spoils system?

Mr. Bennett further argues that the state law does not give any administrator "the right to name any single person or group as

the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all employees."

Note the weasel wording here. Mr. Bennett talks of giving an administrator "the right to name." Who asked any administrator to name such a representative? The TWU didn't. Neither did anybody else.

What was asked for—and this is what Mr. Bennett evades entirely—is the right of the 32,000 transit workers to ELECT their representatives to bargain collectively. That's all.

And that is not prohibited by law. There is not even a court decision prohibiting it. Certainly, New Yorkers are not prepared to accept Mr. Bennett as a substitute for regular law-making bodies.

There is precedent for an election. The city did hold an election on the city-owned subway system on Jan. 29, 1937. If it was possible to hold it then, why is it impossible now?

What the union seeks already exists in San Francisco, Detroit and Seattle, which own their own lines and have union contracts.

Why can't New York have the same amicable relations between the city and its unionized employees that those cities have?

The federal government has numerous contractual understandings with unions. The Tennessee Valley Authority and the Maritime Commission have agreements. The Government Printing Office in Washington has been staffed by union men over the years.

It's true the British Tories in 1927 prohibited such arrangements between unions and governmental agencies. (That law, universally condemned by organized labor, is now being repealed by the British Parliament.)

Is Mr. Bennett seeking to pattern New York on the Tory ideal of an open shop town? Is the City Administration joining the union-busting campaign of monopoly capital?

That's the only conclusion that can be drawn from Mr. Bennett's "legal" opinion.

But New Yorkers are forming their own opinions. They want safe, uninterrupted rapid transit, the kind they've always received from skilful and devoted transit employees. They know that only decently paid workers who enjoy democratic rights of collective bargaining can provide that service.

That's why they back, in increasing numbers, the TWU in its justified fight for wage increases and collective bargaining.

That's why they're writing and telegraphing by the hundreds to Chairman Charles Gross of the Board of Transportation and Mayor O'Dwyer that:

The Board grant the workers a \$2 a day increase.

The Board of Transportation negotiate with the TWU.

Granting these just demands will avert the transit crisis.

# Legal Experts Give Lie to Bennett

By MICHAEL SINGER

Opinions of outstanding authorities give the lie to Corporation Counsel John J. Bennett's claim that a collective bargaining agreement between the CIO Transport Workers Union and the city of New York is legally impossible.

An impressive list of existing bargaining contracts between cities throughout the nation and their civil service employees goes even further to debunk Bennett's opinion.

Yesterday Harry Sacher, general counsel of the TWU, challenged the Corporation Counsel to substantiate his claim. He said Bennett did not cite "a single law from among the hundreds of thousands which are to be found on our statute books which would be violated."

"The fact of the matter is," Sacher declared, "that there is no law which prohibits any government agency from extending exclusive recognition to a labor union which has been selected by a majority of the agency's employees as their representative for the purpose of collective bargaining."

Sacher cited Detroit, Boston, San Francisco and Seattle where transit unions enjoy exclusive bargaining rights.

Other instances to prove that the Board of Transportation can legally grant the TWU sole and exclusive bargaining rights follow:

## KENNY'S RULING

In a ruling handed down on Aug. 24, 1944, Robert W. Kenny, California Attorney General, asserted the right of a governmental business enterprise to bargain collectively with its employees.

Kenny listed the following municipalities which have entered into collective bargaining agreements: Muncie, Ind.; South Bend, Ind.; Jeanette, Pa., and Fairmount, West Va.

The building trades workers and the American Federation of Labor, he said, "have entered into a wage stabilization agreement with the War and Navy Depts., the Federal Works Administration, the National Housing Authority, the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the Maritime Commission."

Kenny cited the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Alaskan Railroad who have granted collective bargaining contracts. "So have the U. S. Printing Office, the Army Ordnance Dept. and the Panama Canal," Kenny added.

On Aug. 27, 1941, the city of Detroit and Division 26 of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motorcoach Employees of America, AFL, signed an exclusive bargaining agreement. The San Francisco Harbor Commission has granted the Railway Brotherhood Unions exclusive bargaining rights for their employees of the State Belt Railroad.

## WLB RULING

Sen. Morse, when he was a member of the War Labor Board, inferentially conceded the right of public employees to collective bargaining in the case of the City of Newark and the AFL municipal workers there. Morse said in his ruling that government employees have the "right to organize and participate . . . in collective bar-

gaining with government."

The Philadelphia City Council, in its contract with employees of the Department of Public Works, "agrees to recognize the union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for those employees now in the employ of the City of Philadelphia in any bureau of the Department of Public Works in which Local 222 (AFL State, County and Municipal Employees) shall procure

and continue to have the majority of the employees and members . . ."

On June 6, 1941, Supreme Court Justice Lloyd Church rejected the city's contention that it was without power to enter into any kind of a collective bargaining agreement whatever.

## EXPERT'S OPINION

Prof. Arthur W. McMahon of Columbia University, an authority on employe-government relations, told the Daily Worker yesterday collective bargaining procedure is "very desirable" there is no law to prevent "public administrators

from informally arranging for elections." Prof. McMahon added that "some public administrators would find it useful in the public interest." David Ziskind, whose book *One Thousand Strikes of Government Employees* is considered a bible on the subject, declares:

"The experience of our nation with more than one thousand government strikes points to the rational consistency of holding that strikes in government employment . . . have been inherently lawful."

## FRENCH RAIL UNIONS BAR TRAFFIC TO SPAIN

Act in Protest Against Franco's Murder of Republicans

PARIS, Feb. 25 (UP).—Member unions of the French Federation of Railroad Workers were directed today to suspend all rail traffic to Spain in regions near the frontier as a protest against the execution of Cristino Garcia and nine other Spanish Republicans.

The suspension order came after a meeting of the railroad workers with representatives of the

General Confederation of Labor, merchant mariners and dock and transport workers.

A communique issued after the meeting said the group was studying "possible steps" to halt all commercial traffic between the two countries.

"Failure of the government to take immediate reprisals . . . will only encourage fascist Spaniards to commit new crimes," the communique said.

# Warn of Browder's Anti-Party Intrigue

The National Review Commission of the Communist Party yesterday issued a warning against the latest attempt by Earl Browder to disrupt and weaken the party and the labor movement. The commission's statement follows:

As the recent statement of the National Committee on the expulsion of Browder noted, the struggle against Browder and Browderism has entered a new stage.

Browder is now engaged in an open campaign against the Party. As part of this struggle he is making every effort to split the Party. He is circulating a printed document among Party members and among non-Communists, urging the membership and all whom he addresses to acts of disloyalty and opposition to the Party, to its national leadership, to its political line. Compiling lists of names through friends and cronies he is also attempting to solicit funds for his renegade activities.

No one will be deceived by the demagogic subterfuge with which

Browder tries to cover up his latest anti-Party acts. In "appealing" to the members and sympathizers of the Party, he demagogically states that he has "no other recourse," now that he is expelled by the National Committee. But this is demagoguery of a most unprincipled sort. The Constitution of the Communist Party specifically provides that "any member who has been subject to disciplinary action has a right to appeal to the next higher body, up to the National Convention, whose decision shall be final."

But Browder, who has continuously scorned and violated all Party principles, discipline and decisions, never had any intention of using the democratic channels and processes within the Party. Browder is now duplicating in his own way what Lovestone and Cannon did

in attempting to create an anti-Party grouping outside the Party, and just as they failed in their miserable attempts, so will Browder.

Browder's actions confirm a hundred-fold the justification of his expulsion. It is no accident that Browder's effort to disorient and disrupt the Party come at a time when American monopoly capital is launching its reactionary offensive against the working class and the people as a whole, at a time when the enemies of the Party are intensifying their attacks against the vanguard of the working class, at a time when the anti-Soviet forces are rampant with aggressive and pro-fascist agitation and activities. It is no accident that Browder tries to divide and confuse our Party just at the moment when all labor, all anti-fascist and anti-imperialist forces in the land are faced with the task of strengthening their unity and their common struggle against imperialist reaction. The Party membership, friends

of the Party and all advanced workers will know how to meet the anti-Communist challenge hurled by Browder.

All Party members and sympathizers must vigilantly guard the unity and Marxist integrity of the Party as the apple of their eye. Everyone must understand that to aid Browder in any way is to aid the class enemy, and to conciliate Browder and Browderism is also to undermine and weaken the Party and its unity.

In ridding itself of Browder and Browderism, the Party is advancing with ever greater unity, welding its ranks, strengthening itself on a Marxist-Leninist base to function in this hour of great need as the vanguard of the American working class.

National Review Commission, Communist Party, U. S. A.  
Ray Hansborough, Chairman,  
Charles Krumboltz, Vice-chairman,  
Saul Wellman, Secretary



# Citizens Group Confers with Mayor; City Screens for Transit Scabs

By JOHN MELDON

While millions of New Yorkers awaited tensely the zero hour in the impending transit strike, efforts continued yesterday throughout the city to avert the crisis.

## Happy Birthday, Bill

William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party, celebrated his 65th birthday yesterday.

Born in Taunton, Mass., Feb. 25, 1881, where in 1776 the "first red flag" of the American Revolution waved "o'er the green," Bill Foster entered the workers' movement early. He was a boy of 14 when in 1895 he marched in Philadelphia with the streetcar strikers.

Since then his name has always been identified with the class struggle. Railroader, secretary-treasurer of the Carpenters' union, leader of the historic meat-packing movement of 1918 and the Great Steel Strike of 1919, he was ever a pioneer of industrial unionism and organizing the unorganized.

In day-to-day work and in his many books, pamphlets and articles, many of which are labor classics, he profoundly influenced the development of modern unionism. He directed the strategy of the mighty unemployed struggle of the 30's which paid off in the establishment of unemployment insurance and social security systems for the nation.

Above all, Foster was and is a Marxist-Leninist through and through. It was he who led the Party out of the swamp of capitalist liberalism into which Earl Browder had taken it. He revived in the party the spirit of struggle for socialism.

His party comrades, and the multitudes of workingmen and women he led and by whose side he fought during so many decades for a better world, wish him—

A Happy Birthday.

## Stalin Heads Unified Forces

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Marshall Joseph Stalin today was named head of a newly formed Soviet commissariat for the armed forces and supreme commander of all Soviet land, sea and air forces, Moscow Radio announced tonight.

The effect of the move was to eliminate the old Commissariat for Defense and the Commissariat for the Navy. The functions of those departments will be assumed by Stalin in a unified defense setup.

Moscow Radio's broadcast, recorded here, said Stalin's appointment was made in three decrees of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

1.—The Commissariat for National Defense will be reconstructed into a Commissariat for the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union uniting all forces.

2.—The Commissariat for the Navy will be abolished.

3.—The Generalissimo of the Soviet Union, Stalin, is to be appointed People's Commissar for the Armed Forces and Supreme Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union.

## CP Calls for Mass Actions to Demand Break With Franco

The national secretariat of the Communist Party yesterday called for mass actions to demand that the United States immediately break relations with fascist Spain. The secretariat protested the execution of 10 outstanding anti-fascist fighters by Franco authorities. Its statement follows in full:

The news from fascist Spain announcing the execution of 10 Spanish anti-fascists, among them the Communist leader, Cristino Garcia, long a staunch fighter against fascism in Spain and a leader of the French underground, is arousing all progressive mankind to protest against this outrage and to demand, at the same time, an end to the sole fascist state in Europe which has survived the war.

Three outstanding Spanish women are at this moment facing execution at the hands of Franco.

The World Federation of Trade Unions has called upon its affiliates in 50 countries to start at once an energetic campaign for the severance of relations with Franco-Spain. The Communist Party of France, which has already organized a mass protest demonstration to be held Tuesday in Paris, is calling for an immediate break in relations with, and a boycott against, the Spanish fascist government, and for the expulsion of its consulates from the soil of France.

The mounting protest that has been touched off by the Franco-Government murder of Garcia and his comrades must not be allowed to die until Franco's regime is wiped off the map of Spain.

The government of the United States and Great Britain must carry out the provisions of the Potsdam decisions by breaking relations with fascist Spain.

Such an action is vital to the interests of the peoples of all freedom-loving countries, of humanity, for so long as Franco remains in power, so long will Spain continue to be a breeding ground for fascist conspiracies and plottings of new wars.

For us in the United States the menace of Franco is near our doorstep; the notorious activities of the Franco falangists in Latin America are subversive to the strivings of the nations of this hemisphere for democracy, people's unity and peace.

The great lesson of the past must not be forgotten; it was the coddling of fascism, by the British, French and U. S. governments which saved the brutal Franco regime, encouraged Hitler, and opened the floodgates to the second World War. No such policy must be permitted to prevail now, if the peace of the world is not to be threatened anew.

Immediately after the execution of the ten Spanish anti-fascist fighters—glorious allies of the American people—the reactionary Catholic Hierarchy, in the person of Cardinal Spellman, attended a banquet at the Spanish Embassy in Rome. This obvious attempt to cover up, indeed to justify, the murderous deeds of Franco by the new Cardinal should arouse burning protests from Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

And we Americans must remem-

ber that it is precisely because our government has not broken relations with Franco that it is possible for such high-placed pro-fascists as Cardinal Spellman to attempt to shield Franco from public indignation.

All who treasure peace, all who treasure freedom, all who hate fascism must act now to help burn out this fascist nest that is Franco-Spain. Fascism menaces everything progressive, and Communists and non-Communists must act together to end it wherever it rears its head.

Communists will be in the forefront of this struggle, as they have been since the very inception of the fascist menace; as they were in 1936 when they were the first to volunteer and shed their blood to help the Spanish people in their fight against Franco, Hitler and Mussolini. Fifteen hundred American Communists lie dead in the soil of Spain, with thousands of anti-fascist fighters from many countries, in union with the millions of Spaniards whose blood was shed in defense of their own freedom and of the world's.

Americans, now is the time to act! The nine-year-long oppression of the Spanish people by Franco must be brought to an end. Every hole in the dike which can let through the flood of fascism must be stopped. Franco must go!

Every organization and every individual who knows what fascism means and abhors fascism must demand that our State Department break relations with Franco now!

Protest actions are on the order of the day. Mass meetings must be held and telegrams must be sent to the White House by trade unions and other organizations of the people, as well as by individuals.

Let us, in union with the progressive peoples all over the world raise the slogan:

FRANCO MUST GO!

A decisive blow against Franco will put an end to the systematic murder of anti-fascists in Spain. A decisive blow against Franco will help free the Spanish people from fascism. The end of the Franco regime will wipe out a grave threat to the peace of the world. The defeat of Franco will give renewed energy to the struggle of the peoples everywhere for economic security for peace, and for democracy! Franco must go!

SECRETARIAT,  
COMMUNIST PARTY.

## What This Country Needs . . .

Bayuk Cigars, manufacturers of the most popular nickel cigar (remember?) now selling for a dime (Phillies), reports net profits for last year of \$1,353,715—not including undistributed profits from a subsidiary. The year before it was \$1,245,733.

Developments of the day included:

1. The Transport Workers Union flatly challenged Corporation Counsel John J. Bennett's contention that the city is prohibited by state law from entering into a bargaining agreement with the union.

2. Mayor O'Dwyer issued an ultimatum: "There will be no sole and exclusive bargaining rights in civil service."

3. The Board of Estimate backed Mayor O'Dwyer's anti-TWU stand and threatened blacklisting and loss of pension rights to striking transit workers.

4. The City began "screening" 1,000 employees of various city departments to determine what strike-breaking potentialities, if any, existed among those employees.

5. A mass delegation, representing 1,300,000 citizens, conferred with Mayor O'Dwyer for more than an hour and emerged after apparently getting nowhere.

Meanwhile, the police went ahead with its strikebreaking preparations, under direction of Inspector James McElroy who heads the Police Planning Board with hastily set up offices at Police Headquarters at Broome and Centre St.

Beginning at 3 p.m. yesterday, 1,000 civil service workers, sent under orders from various city departments, reported to the board for "screening." Dozens of employees openly grumbled at the "screening." Many voiced a determination not to scab if the subways are tied up after Tuesday midnight.

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wampler, asked by a reporter what powers he had to enforce civil service workers to take strikers' jobs, said sourly:

"Well, we can't choke them."

At 1:30 p.m. the Mayor met with a citizens delegation headed by Joseph Curran and Saul Mills, heads of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council and spokesmen for various union, civic and fraternal groups. The Mayor agreed to talk to six of a delegation of 35 members. The six were Curran, Mills, Esther Letz, Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers; Lester Zirin, Kings County ALP; Harry Reich, Hotel and Restaurant Employees AFL; and Donnellan Phillips, of the Consolidated Tenants League, Harlem.

Accompanying the delegation was William Jay Shieffelin, president emeritus of the Citizens Union.

NO COMMENT

Following more than an hour's talk with the mayor, the delegation

## Hotel Round Robin Asks City Meet TWU

Hotel Roosevelt chefs, waiters and other dining room and kitchen personnel have served the Board of Transportation with a petition to sit down with the Transport Workers Union and "work out the problem in the established American way."

Members of AFL Hotel and Club Employees Local 6, 45 of them sent a round robin to the board asserting that they understand just what the transport workers mean when they say they need more money.

"We support heartily and vigorously their demand for a pay increase based upon present needs," said their statement, taken to City Hall by Carl Dennis, a union delegate at the hotel.

emerged without any specific comment to the press. Curran merely said: "We had a nice long talk."

Immediately after the delegation's departure, Mayor O'Dwyer called newspapermen into his chambers and issued the blunt announcement that there would be "no sole and exclusive bargaining rights" within the city's civil service setup.

He said the city was willing to consider the issue of wages and working conditions, but nothing else. He announced he had sent David Sarnoff, president of Radio Corporation of America, and Edward McGrady, an RCA vice president, to Washington, D. C. "to talk sense to Philip Murray."

Murray had stated earlier in the week he would come to the city to discuss the transit crisis, but yesterday morning he told Washington reporters he had "no comment whatsoever to make."

## ARBITRATION FOCAL POINT

Center of the controversy between the TWU and the city is the union's demand that the city arbitrate, negotiate or bargain collectively over the demand for a \$3

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## Drawing It Out



NYLONS



# Find Price Chiseling Ups Food Costs 50%

By CHAS. HIRSCH

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Disclosure here of widespread price chiseling has knocked all previous cost-of-living figures into a cocked hat. This was the conclusion drawn here by workers fighting for wage increases, after OPA came out with a sensational report.

Covering a concentrated price study in a South Side community, the report concluded that:

- About 95 percent of the stores in that area were found to be in violation of OPA ceilings.

- Because of overcharges, the average family of five is forced to pay almost 50 percent more in its food bill each week.

- Only one out of 55 stores checked by OPA investigators was found to be selling at ceiling prices.

The survey was the first concentrated study of this type to be made here, and covered food stores on 53rd and 55th Sts.

At the offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Area OPA, it was learned that similar surveys will soon be made in other communities.

The Back of the Yards community will be checked, as well as other workingclass neighborhoods where the price chiselling is flagrant.

## 47% PERCENT MORE

James F. Riley, Metropolitan area OPA director, declared a price analysis of 43 items purchased at the stores and suitable for a full week's menu for a family of five showed the overcharges totaled 47 percent of the total food bill.

The purchases should have come to \$20.02 according to ceiling prices. Actually, the OPA shoppers had to pay \$29.47.

In some cases, prices charged were fully double the ceilings. And in almost all of the stores surveyed, the illegal prices were charged in spite of the fact that the ceiling prices were posted in plain view.

"In the face of these disclosures, even the trade unions will have to revise their original estimates of the kind of wage increases it will take to restore living standards," said Robert Travis, vice-president of the Illinois State Industrial Union Council.

## CROSS SECTION

The South Side community chosen for the survey was selected because it was considered a typical cross-sectional area, including Ne-

## STEALING MILK FROM BABIES

The following price ceiling violations were found in the concentrated shopping survey made by the OPA on Chicago's South Side:

Amount	Item	Ceiling Price	Purchase Price
5 lbs.	Fresh Spareribs	\$1.15	\$2.30
2 1-lb. tins	Campbell's Pork and Beans	.22	.38
6 lbs.	Grapefruit	.54	1.02
1/2 lb.	Brick Cheese	.20	.35
1/2 lb.	Hershey's Cocoa	.13	.25
2 oz.	Durkee's Black Pepper	.07	.15
1 doz.	Sunkist Oranges	.49	.78

gro. and white districts of various levels. The area is bounded by Halsted Street, Dorchester Avenue, 53rd and 55th Sts.

Riley announced that 41 suits were filed in circuit court against stores for ceiling violations.

## Beat Trotzkyites In UAW Poll

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—John W. Anderson, leading Trotzkyite, was defeated for election as delegate to the coming United Auto Workers convention in the Fleetwood local union last week. Anderson's running mates, one a fellow Trotzkyite, Irving Copilowish and Tony La-secki, a member of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, were also beaten.

Earlier, the Trotzkyites and ACTU pulled an election in the Fleetwood local that was declared void because a number of Anderson's supporters who were not entitled to vote, cast ballots.

Delegates chosen were Leo Corneller, Dan Shupup and Arnold Palango.

In the Detroit GM Transmission Local 735, President Fred Fisch, was elected a delegate by the highest vote.

A campaign of red-baiting has been launched against Fisch, a war veteran by the Trotzkyite rag, the Militant. Fisch led the fight in his local union and the citywide GM strike committee to bar the Militant from all picket lines, union halls and strike kitchens because of its anti-union character.

## OES Reestablished; Bowles New Director

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—President Truman today formally ordered the reestablishment of the Office of Economic Stabilization.

Chester Bowles, former price administrator, will be stabilization director.

## McGow—McGowan—M'Gosh!

### A GLOBAL MISTAKE IN ONE SYLLABLE

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Angus McGow, a Scotsman, and Alev McGowan, an Australian, were ex-prisoners of war anxiously awaiting shipment home from a Singapore collection point.

While hundreds of prisoners strained to hear, a British sergeant

### TO SUBSCRIBERS:

Many Worker subscribers have notified us that last week's issue reached them late. This was due to the delay in mails over Washington's Birthday.

## Kitain's 340 Worker Subs Break Record



Sol Kitain, winner of The Worker sub drive, is a member of CIO United Furniture Workers, Local 140. He will receive a radio-phonograph, as will his runner-up, Harry Jaffee of the CIO Furriers Joint Council.

Kitain led the subscription contest with 340 subs, of which 106 were for one year and 232 for six months. This was an unprecedented achievement for so short a time. Kitain totaled 1,004 points.

The contest was part of The Worker circulation campaign which ended on Feb. 1. From Nov. 15, 1945 to the closing date, more than 25,000 subscriptions were obtained. Bundle orders increased by more than 8,000.

## 2d Biggest GM Gift Given by Local 155

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—The highest single donation for relief for General Motors strikers, except for that of the big Ford local, came from United Auto Workers Local 155, which is led by Nat Ganley, a Communist, and John Anderson.

Local 155 has collected \$47,000 and distributed it among GM locals.

# Ferguson Justice Fight Carried to State Legislature

Harlem Assemblyman Hulan Jack announced yesterday he would take the fight for justice in the Freeport police slayings to the floor of the New York State Legislature.

He charged Nassau District Attorney James N. Gehrig's failure to fight for and secure an indictment of Freeport Patrolman Joseph Romeika, slayer of Pfc. Charles R. Ferguson and his brother Alfonso placed responsibility on the doorstep of the Long Island Republican Party machine.

Assemblyman Jack, a Democrat declared Gehrig was attempting to make a political issue out of the whitewash by launching red-baiting attacks against persons demanding justice in the Ferguson case.

"I accept that challenge," said the Negro Assemblyman. "It is my greatest joy that people, regardless of political affiliation have joined this fight for justice."

As a representative of the people, I'll stick to the people and publicize this case and fight for justice in it. I will take the matter to the Governor and to the floor of the State Legislature."

ASKS GEHRIG OUSTER  
The Assemblyman said he will seek the removal of Gehrig and designation of a special prosecutor to take the Ferguson killings before a new grand jury of both white and Negro jurors.

At the same time Paul Rasmussen, commander of the Calvin C. Adams Post of the American Legion, announced he had received a letter from Senator James M. Mead, (D-NY) stating he was making inquiries into the case.

The Railway Express Employees Post of the American Legion, Philadelphia, advised Commander Rasmussen it, too had joined this fight.

Typical of reaction of trade union leaders was that of William Grogan, international vice-president of the Transport Workers Union, CIO. He said: "When I heard the story of this case my blood boiled."

FORM FREEPORT COMMITTEE  
In the Village of Freeport, scene of the fatal shooting, a Committee for Justice has drawn up a petition to Gov. Dewey on the case.

The petition cites evidence that the shooting was unjustified, protests the prejudiced manner in which the case was presented to the Nassau County Grand Jury last week and asks the Governor to reopen the case under a special prosecutor.

The committee is seeking 40,000 signatures to the petition.

"I haven't yet been able to find out why the police officer arrested the Ferguson brothers in the first place," declared Stanley Faulkner, attorney for the Ferguson family. "I have never seen such a display of labor-baiting and red-baiting as that put on by Gehrig in handling this case."

Faulkner charged Gehrig "acted more like he was trying the CIO and the Communist Party and not like one trying to indict the killer of two men."

## Truman Backs Drive To Aid Europe Jews

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—President Truman today backed the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal to raise \$100,000,000 and urged Americans to contribute to help the 1,500,000 displaced Jews in Europe.



HULAN JACK

## Broader Social Security Urged

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Social security benefits should be liberalized and extended to 21,000,000 employed persons not now covered, A. J. Altmeyer, chairman of the Social Security Board, said today.

He told the House Ways and Means Committee, which is considering an expansion bill, that it might be necessary to raise the contribution rate eventually from one to 10 percent. He added that the present rate would cover total costs of an expanded program for the next five years, and a two percent rate for the next 10.

He urged that 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 agricultural workers and 2,250,000 domestics be brought under social security by means of a "stamp-book system."

He also urged that the committee work out a way to take care of veterans' social security as a retro-active basis.

He said there would be no administrative difficulties in bringing federal, state and local government workers under the program. He made these other recommendations:

1. An increase in the old-age minimum for a worker with dependents, now \$85 a month.
2. Lowering the retirement benefit age for women from 65 to 60.
3. Permitting a beneficiary to earn up to \$30 a month without suspension of benefits.
4. A program to protect dependents of permanently disabled family heads.

## Raymond to Speak On Freeport Tonight

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We urge you direct immediately the holding of a system-wide sole collective bargaining election and the granting of wage increases commensurate with highly increased living costs for employees on city-owned transit lines.

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# Change the World

by Mike Gold

IT WAS Dirty Willie Hearst and the treacherous Forward gang that really defeated Johannes Steel by a narrow margin in the recent by-election in the 19th Congressional District. They did it



by a last minute frame-up which made many Jewish people believe Steel was a Nazi.

For more than ten years Johannes Steel has been one of the ablest and most aggressive fighters against German and American fascism. His radio comment has been an outstanding contribution in the fight on Hitlerism. This is why, naturally, Hearst went out of his way to frame Steel. Is it why the New York Post and the Jewish "socialist" Daily Forward also fought him and supported a dull and neuter Tammany hack?

The Tammany machine threw everything they had into the election. An awful lot of easy money was in evidence. Rumors spread of vote-buying on a large scale (the price is said to be \$10 now; it

used to be \$2); rumors of intimidation, tampering with the voting machines, and the march of floaters and repeaters from the Bowery flophouses (the old Tammany parade).

Arthur Klein, the smiling Tammany hack, made the rounds of polling booths and distributed election cigars with his face and name on the flashy label, boxes of candy for the ladies with his face and name. (These boxes lay all day on voting tables, with the name exposed, in illegal electioneering within a polling place.)

TAMMANYITES knew the election was an important test for their organization. They must crush the American Labor Party now or lose their own grip on the city. So seriously did they take the election, so much unusual effort did they put in (much more than they ever gave to Franklin Roosevelt), that their heelers and captains were over-confident and offered odds to any rash bettor that Klein would defeat Johannes Steel by a 3 to 1 vote.

But after all their outlay of money, sweat and swindle, Klein received around 17,000 votes, Steel around 13,000—less than 4,000 votes won the election.

The Jewish people had been swindled in a crime against their own safety. They lost the chance to send a terrific fighter against Nazism into the Congress, to fight the Bilboes and Rankins there. Instead they sent a time-server who knows enough to butter his own bread, but who will never fight for his people or for any cause that doesn't mean cash for Tammany Hall.

THE night before the election, Tammany stuffed all the mailboxes of the district with a reprint of the filthy, frame-up editorial in Hearst's Daily Mirror in which Steel was accused of being a Nazi. Hearst called Steel a Nazi just as if Hitler had called Roosevelt that.

It was a trick, like the Reichstag fire. The social-democratic Forward joined with fascist Hearst and slandered Steel in the same manner for its poor Jewish readers. Anybody who ever listened in this past decade to Steel broadcast, could not be fooled. But the backward elements, the fearful, the illiterate, the confused in a strange land, were swindled by this Tammany-Hearst-Forward demagoguery.

Fascism never really has conquered any country from without. The doors were

## The Tiger Is Scared

always opened wide by the dupes and traitors within.

In this 19th Congressional District, the district where I was born, raised and now live, and where I was proud to ring doorbells and canvass for Johannes Steel, the classic pattern of defeat was to be seen. A combination of Hearst fascism, "socialist" viciousness of the Forward-Post variety, and Tammany corruption, served to deprive the people of a sorely needed anti-fascist in Congress.

The cause of democracy was betrayed. Yet who would say that fascism is finally victorious? Tammany and the Forward have really lost this congressional district. They have lost the people, despite all their furious demagoguery. The close vote was a smashing defeat for the old gang. There has been a great change.

It is the people who alone form the resistance to fascism and who alone can win the final victory. The people of the 19th Congressional District made a wonderful start in this election. Next time they will win in the fight on Hearst, the Forward, the Post, Tammany Hall and all the other strange elements that combine to open the gates to fascism.

# Letters from Our Readers

## Protests Existence of Lebanese Fascist Party

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We read with great concern the item, "ARAB COMMUNIST KILLED DEFENDING JEWS," published in The Worker, Feb. 3, and felt that the existence of Syrian Fascist Party, carrying on deliberate acts of terrorism against the democratic elements of that country was not only a threat to peace and democracy in Lebanon and Syria but also to the peace and security of our whole world.

So, our Committee on Social Action and International Relations wrote protests to the Lebanon Government. Any other groups who would like to join us may address letters of protest to: His Excellency, Besharat El Khoury, President of the Republic of Lebanon, Grand Serail, Beirut, Lebanon.

Let us join hands around the world and fight now to maintain the peace!

ESTHER E. JOHNSON,  
Board of Foreign Missions.

## Communist Work in the Trade Unions

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

George Morris' analysis of the Shipyard Workers Convention of

the IUMSWA points out how the leadership of Green and the reactionary forces were able to steamroll their policies across.

He also points out some of the reasons why Van Gelder and the progressive forces in the union were defeated. Yet, it seems to me, Comrade Morris left out one of the main factors for the progressives' defeat.

The reactionary victory in this union was due to the fact that the progressives were not organized. A large share of this is the fault of the leaders of the progressive forces within this union.

It strikes me that one of the main failures we can blame on our revisionist past is the work we conducted in the trade unions. In many unions, due to lack of guidance on how to do correct work, Communists lost influence.

This situation is being remedied somewhat by re-establishing shop and industrial branches. But the idea persists that nothing pertaining to a trade union should be discussed at a Communist branch meeting. Communists should not set up factions in unions, but Communists should carry out work in a union in an organized manner and the only way this can be done is through discussion at branch meetings.

JOHN VINACCIA.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

## UNRRA Aids Dangerous Elements

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here is part of a letter I received from a friend in Austria:

"It's over two months since I've joined UNRRA and nothing has happened to lessen my doubts and plenty to reinforce them. The majority of the DP's here are anti-Soviet Poles. We have camps that are composed entirely of ex-Polish army men and their families and you can imagine how democratic are these anti-Semitic, anti-Soviet Poles. There are also King Peter Yugoslavs, who are hiding their time until they can build an army to attack the present Yugoslav government.

"It's a picture to make you heartsick and fighting mad at the same time. I'm reminded again and again of the effective Nazi propaganda when I talk to members of the staff—they'll believe anything about the Soviet Union provided it's vicious enough.

"There is no escaping the fact that UNRRA is one of the greatest

supports of fascism in Europe. In its apparent 'non-political' role, it is extending aid and comfort to the most dangerous elements in Europe."

F. F. A.

## Labor Canteen for GIs in Honolulu

Honolulu.

Dear Editor,

I think your readers will be interested in the story of a Labor Canteen started by GIs in Honolulu. Under the Chairmanship of Jack Hall of the International Longshore and Warehouse Workers Union, the Canteen sponsored a school and regular Sunday night forums.

About two hundred GIs and civilian workers attended the school. Classes were held in Public Speaking, Labor Problems, Economics, etc. As many as 400 attended the Sunday forums on Indonesia, China, Demobilization, etc.

Wednesday evenings we had "coke confabs." Every Saturday we had a cabaret night, with jam sessions, refreshments, and GI performances.

All the activities of the canteen included Negro and white, Chinese, Nisei and Hawaiians. Civilian workers mingled with GIs and everybody enjoyed the good feeling and educational benefits of these activities.

L. T.

## Stump Ranchers Forming Co-ops

Idaho.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The average stump rancher was lured to this stump ranch wilderness either by the colorful real estate folders of the railroads and logging companies or by clever Chamber of Commerce propaganda. Here he is, preyed upon by the real estate agents until he is broken in spirit and financially helpless. That is their plan. Clean him first, then use him as a cheap source of wage labor.

The rancher puts in long hours cutting and delivering fuel wood, and, when he gets home, he tries to do his farming and land clearing. This hard life and struggle for a better living unites the stump ranchers into co-ops. They are becoming larger and are taking in an ever-widening field of enterprises, such as feed mills, creameries, electricity, supply stores, machine shops, credit unions and now a hospital. Their big drawback is the lack of political action.

It is futile to try to escape the class struggle. Now is the time for the small farmers to ally themselves to the labor unions for their final emancipation from the burden of capitalist exploitation. PETER PIEKARSKI.

## Gets New Strength From Soviet Novel

Astoria, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Recently I read *Days and Nights* by Konstantine Simonov, translated by Joseph Barnes. I know you have reviewed it and will probably do so again, but I cannot refrain from trying to get you to publish this note in the hope that all my friends all over the country will read this book. It is like a fascinating bit of music. One must read it over and over again in spots and then, before one knows it, all over again.

It is a story about the struggle for Stalingrad in particular, but also a sort of story of the long years struggle for a people to find themselves. It was not the force of arms so much as the strength of the people who have risen to the stature of human beings, a story of their spirit.

It seems to me that anyone who reads *Days and Nights* will take from it new strength in the struggle against reaction and each one will do all in his power, more confidently, to prevent reaction from keeping mankind in the dark ages!

E. JOHNSON.

# Anti-Soviet Acts Mask Kuomintang Disruption

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

You can't believe everything you read in the headlines about the Chungking student demonstrations against the Soviet Union over the fake issue of Manchuria.

You either have to read between the lines, or at the tail-end of the news dispatches to get the story. The truth is that right-wing Kuomintang elements, like the Chen brothers and Gen. Tai Li who control the secret police and Gestapo in Chungking, are behind the current uproar.

And they are jumping on the Manchuria problem in the hope of sabotaging all-party unity and the coalition government which was recently pledged by Chiang Kai-shek after prolonged negotiations.

Tillman Durdin, N. Y. Times correspondent in Chungking, gives the game away at the end of his report last Saturday:

"The Manchurian issue is being used as a weapon with which to attack the Communists and

gain support for the opposition of the right-wingers to domestic unity through agreements with the Communists."

That is exactly what Gen. Chou En-Lai charged on Thursday when he denounced the attack on the Communist newspaper, the New China Daily News. But you would never have known it from the headlines.

## OTHER MOTIVES

Chinese sources have pointed out to the Daily Worker that there are other motives—apart from the extreme Rightist attack on the Communists—to explain the current uproar over Manchuria.

The plain fact is that both the Yalta agreement and the Sino-Soviet treaty gave the Soviet Union special rights in Manchuria on the main railroads and in Port Arthur and Dalian.

Some Kuomintang cliques of business-men and speculators are fighting with other cliques in the hope of grabbing off the Manchurian industry for themselves. That

is why they oppose the Communist demand that Manchuria's three northeastern provinces be accorded the same provincial autonomy and the right of democratic self-government as was recently agreed for north China. Their anti-Soviet agitation is a mask for their own aims.

## KUOMINTANG DILEMMA

The Kuomintang as a whole is torn by the dilemma which has been haunting it since last summer: it wants the Soviet armies to leave Manchuria, if it can get its own troops in full force before the local democratic guerrillas take over. It wants the Red Army to leave, but everytime the Red Army gets ready to leave, the Kuomintang itself proposes a delay because it fears it will not be able to control the democratic movement in Manchuria.

American correspondents now in Mukden quote a Soviet commander as saying that Communist guerrillas are ten miles outside the city.

On top of this, reactionary American generals, like Albert Wedemeyer, would like the Soviet Union to leave so that American troops can get into Manchuria and dominate it for anti-Soviet and anti-Chinese purposes.

This would also pave the way for American businessmen who wish to pick up the remains of the Japanese industrial development for themselves.

The Soviet Union certainly recognizes Manchuria as Chinese, but whether it will withdraw entirely in face of the virtual American aggression remains to be seen.

The Soviet Union is committed to turn over Manchuria to the "National Government" of China, but thus far, such a coalition government of the Kuomintang, the Communists and lesser democratic parties has not been formed.

The USSR may very well wait until such a government is formed, rather than have Manchuria become the arena of civil war in which American imperialist ambitions could fatten.



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## A Specter Haunts—

**D**ARK and dire forebodings hovered over the speech with which Mr. Bernard Baruch launched the drive to relieve Europe's Jews financially.

The wealthy Wall Street investor and adviser to Presidents tried to look into the future. What he sees frightens him apparently.



Bernard M. Baruch

He looked at the present world and his conclusions were:

"At this point I am moved to say to you in all solemnity: 'Don't let us be the first to disarm!... Let us be strong!'"

Queer business, indeed. The occasion was one of charity, but the summons was to bigger and better armies and navies.

Mr. Baruch sees trouble ahead. His paean of praise for his beloved capitalism does not seem to reassure him. Though he praises the system of private ownership of the nation's means of life as the "best yet devised," he places his reliance not in popular support but on military strength, it would seem.

In almost the same accents that Herbert Hoover used last week, Baruch warned, "We face a great political and philosophical issue—statism versus individualism."

In these words, the Wall Street banker who was once identified with the political group favoring "liberal capitalism" through government aid now joins with his class brothers in fighting for a Hooverized America.

The significance of this combination—the appeal for mighty armaments and the spurning of government aid in fighting poverty—needs no underlining. The imperialist bourgeois of this country are patching up their little differences of opinion as they move down the road to reaction and dreams of world domination.

Renegade Browder's hokum about the "intelligent" imperialists spreading kindness and cooperation (and Mr. Baruch was one of the alleged models of such capitalists) fades before class realities.

Mr. Baruch, viewing with such pride and love his capitalist system, could not shut out the specter of Communism. "I reject it politically, but I accept it as a guide in charity," he told his hearers, admitting the moral grandeur of Communism.

It seems that all the wonders of the capitalist system do not make Mr. Baruch feel safe. He must be aware that this system of "private effort" is, in reality, nothing but a vast swindle in which the private effort of the working man becomes the profit loot of the owning monopolists. If capitalism could feed the people, give them security, dignity and the rights of manhood, "communism" would not haunt Mr. Baruch. But if it could do that it would not be capitalism.

Capitalism, which once was historically progressive as compared with serfdom, today has outlived its usefulness. Capitalism has itself created the economic basis for Socialism and Communism. The huge productive forces can no longer serve society while they are in the hands of a few. The people will take over their economic destiny.

Mr. Baruch pleads for the right to give charity to those whom the capitalist system degrades and stultifies. But the victims of charity look forward to a new day when they will not need charity.

It must come, Mr. Baruch. Armies cannot stop the mighty people in their march to self-rule, to a higher form of democracy, to socialism.

## Aiding Franco

**T**HE meeting of Catholic Cardinals in Rome is taking on more and more the aspects of a political and not a religious gathering.

This is strikingly seen in the way the Spanish fascist government is making hay in Rome while the Cardinals are there.

Leading in the public honoring of the hated Fascist regime, which was linked to Germany, is Cardinal Spellman of New York.

Cardinal Spellman has publicly praised Franco.

His defenders claim that it was only Franco's "personality" he lauded. But if the "personality" of a notorious pro-Hitlerite like the fascist tyrant appeals to Cardinal Spellman, then that is a political fact which fascist-hating Americans cannot overlook.

Indignation at Franco's bloody executions is ringing throughout Europe. We do not believe that public opinion in this country will view with indifference any sanctification of the Spanish fascist by Cardinal Spellman.



## Views on Labor News

# 70% Unorganized: Who'll Get Them

by George Morris

**"O**RGANIZE the unorganized" has always been inscribed on labor's banner as a permanent slogan. On occasions, unions really went to town with it. It was a live slogan during the early eighties climaxing on May 1, 1886; immediately after World War I when William Z. Foster showed how it could be done in steel and during the 1936-38 period with the rise of the CIO.

But the oldest unionist will say that the opportunity to extend labor organization was never so great as it is now. In fact, the problem now is not one of merely taking advantage of an opportunity. It is one of meeting the challenge or sliding back.

We most often hear of the 14,000,000 figure, representing the number of organized workers. But we seldom hear of the 50,000,000 figure representing the number of organizable workers. An extraordinary pressure is developing for going after the other 70 percent of America's wage earners, and doing so without delay.

First, it should be recognized that even if the present round of labor struggles ends in a "draw" with both the wage and price level climbing up some, the real showdown is due later, perhaps by the end of this year. Union busters will be union-busters and the try will surely come again.

Second, the great majority of the unorganized workers will not benefit as do organized workers. The incentive to organize will be all the greater among them.

Thirdly, reactionary propaganda is trying to lay the blame for price increases. This line is directed especially to white collar, salaried, government, utility, and other of the predominantly unorganized workers whose incomes remain frozen.

**The First Man For Reaction**

Finally, the task of organizing the unorganized is doubly pressing upon the CIO for its

enemies in the AFL, especially John L. Lewis, plan to utilize the opportunity in a move against the CIO.

It is now clear that Lewis' return to the AFL fold is closely connected with plans to smash the CIO. AFL leaders have long held the theory that the CIO will "break its neck" when it faces the postwar challenge. They have openly sided with the NAM on an anti-CIO program, boast that they don't call strikes and should be preferred by business. The Minnesota Federation of Labor went as far as to insert an ad in the Wall St. Journal and Journal of Commerce, telling big business why the AFL should be preferred in the midwest state.

Still determined not to disturb their cherished craft setup, the AFL's top leaders did take in Lewis with his Dist. 50 intact. Its catch-all machinery goes after everything from pins to fertilizer, but they view it as the only kind of an instrument that could be used for anti-CIO raiding purposes.

**Seeing the Problem, But**

The CIO is apparently recognizing the situation, for there is talk of a drive. But will the CIO really pool its resources for a real drive? This is becoming a real question in view of a number of disturbing factors.

Jurisdictional strife in a number of CIO unions is becoming a menace. The principle of organizing unorganized has been replaced by the practice of raiding the organized in a number of them. Sam Wolchok's union of Retail and Wholesale Employees,

hardly scratching a field of several million workers, is spending its energy trying to take away organized workers from Harry Bridges' union. The United Automobile Workers, even as it fights for its own life, is fighting to take away the organized farm equipment workers from another union and suddenly barged into the air transport field where the Transport Workers Union has been organizing successfully for years.

The corporations are looking hopefully for precisely that sort of strife in the CIO. They have tried to smash the CIO with the "Little Steel" strike and failed. They have tried it now and are obviously failing. In fact, the CIO is coming out the victor and has won tremendous prestige among the unorganized workers. The employers know well that the CIO has a chance to win millions of new members and consolidate its strength so as to be able to meet all comers.

Employers look to Lewis to succeed where they failed. He is receiving a tremendous press build-up as the brave knight who will slay the CIO dragon.

This threat from reaction may have the effect of forcing the CIO unions to drop internal bickering. The real way to meet the threat is to bring back the spirit that came with the birth of the CIO. We need another all-out crusade for the unorganized worker. We need a movement that could mobilize everybody and utilize the energies and ability of all, irrespective of creed, color, political opinions or affiliations. That was the secret of the CIO's first success.

## Worth Repeating

On the importance of the day-to-day struggle of the working class Karl Marx wrote: "Where the working class is not yet far enough advanced in its organization to undertake a decisive campaign against the political power of the ruling classes, it must at any rate be trained for this by continual agitation against, and a hostile attitude toward, the policy of the ruling classes." Letter to the New York Council of the First International, November 1871.



# Japan CP Asks End Feudal System; Note Rapid Growth

**TOKYO, Feb. 25 (UP).—**Abolition of the "feudalistic emperor system" and the establishment of a people's democratic government with a diet composed of a single house were formally demanded today by the Japanese Communist Party.

The demand was contained in a declaration adopted at the opening of the three-day Fifth National Communist Congress.

The declaration said the status of the Imperial Family should be decided by plebiscite after the people's government had been set up. It added, however, that the party intended to "pursue" the war responsibility of Emperor Hirohito.

The Communists also demanded the "confiscation of Imperial lands as well as large tracts belonging to the shrines, temples and peerage. This land, they said, should be distributed among the farmers."

## WANT "CLEAN SWEEP"

A "clean sweeping" of war criminals and persons guilty of violating the people's rights in the country's responsible political, economic and social posts was advocated by the congress.

Among other demands were:

1. State ownership of property belonging to war criminals.
2. Liquidation of monopolistic capital.
3. Establishment of a minimum wage system.
4. Establishment of a seven-hour work day.
5. Emancipation of Japanese women from their feudal restrictions.

Yoshio Shiga, who was elected chairman of the first day's meeting, said the party's membership had increased from 1,200 in December to the current 6,500 "because the Communist Party is assuming the lead on all fronts for the realization of the people's needs."

## 250,000 CIRCULATION

Kyuichi Tokuda, Control Committee member, asserted that "the party now has a following of at least 1,000,000 persons." He based his figures on the 250,000 circulation of the party's official organ, "The Red Flag," and the party's influence over 800,000 labor union members.

Tokuda charged that the government had under the Emperor system been inefficient and idle while capitalists were engaged in "sabotage"

and advocated that the "people control all of Japan's political and economic activities."

He also charged that the anti-inflation measures under which new yen are being issued would do nothing but cut down the people's livelihood and seriously threaten the farmers with a system compelling them to supply their rice to the government.

On the other hand, he said, "the working masses must bear the burden of some 15,000,000,000 yen (approximately \$3,750,000,000) in the form of state compensation to munition companies."

He warned party members to avoid the "Progressive Party" which has "kicked people into an abyss of fear by constructing a phantom red menace."

He called the Liberal Party "a feudalistic imposter and the fascist concentration point for fascism in Japan."



**Three Judges:** Three of the nine judges who will serve on the International Military Tribunal are shown as they registered at Hamilton Field, Calif., before flying to Tokyo. They are (left to right): Chief Justice John P. Higgins of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, representing the U.S.; Judge E. S. McDougall of Quebec, for Canada and Judge B. V. A. R. Roling, for the Netherlands.

# Soviet Georgian CP Demands Territory Seized by Turkey

**MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (UP).—**Restoration of former Georgian territories held by Turkey was demanded by K. Chairkviani, secretary of the Georgian Communist Party, in an article today in the newspaper Pravda. Chairkviani wrote on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Georgian Soviet Republic.

Reviewing the progress of Georgia since 1926, he said:

"The Georgian people's age-old dream remains unfilled—restoration of their territorial integrity. Beyond our borders remain the Georgian lands of Ardahan, Artvin, Tortum, Bayburt, Ispr, Gumusane, Lazistan, Trebizond and Lazistan."

"Consequently, one can understand the persistent demands of the Georgian people for the return of the lands seized from our fatherland which formed the cradle of Georgian culture and statehood."

"The Georgian people have made sufficient sacrifices for the defense of universal civilization against the barbarians of the 20th century. They justifiably hope for the satisfaction of their legitimate demands."

**LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—**Radio Moscow, broadcasting a reiteration of Georgian demands on Turkey today, included a new area, Olti, which did not appear in the claims

first voiced by the Georgians last December.

At that time, Moscow broadcasts claimed a wide area of northeastern Turkey comprising Ardahan, Artvin, Tortum, Bayburt, Ispr, Gumusane, Lazistan, Trebizond and Giresun.

Giresun is a Black Sea port 180

miles southwest of Batum. Trebizond also is on the Black Sea 75 miles east of Giresun.

The territory claimed by the Georgians is a rough rectangle stretching along the Black Sea from the Armenian border, 280 miles long from east to west and approximately 75 miles broad at its widest point.

# Shanghai Newsmen Protest Writer's Death in Chiang Jail

More than 60 Shanghai newspapermen protested to the Chungking government last week against the death of one of Chiang Kai-shek's political prisoners Yang Chao, prominent journalist. Yang died in Hangchow on Jan. 11, the day after Chiang Kai-shek had pledged to release all political prisoners.

The Daily Worker learned from Chinese democrats here that only one political prisoner has been freed to date, and thousands are still held.

"We protest the tragic death of our beloved friend and colleague, Mr. Yang Chao," the Shanghai newspapermen wrote.

"The fact that Mr. Yang was arrested illegally and imprisoned without trial for more than half a year; the fact that Mr. Yang died during imprisonment, is a direct indictment of the cruel policy of the Central Government to crush the people's freedom of press and person."

"This policy must be stopped, otherwise there will be no protection for us newspapermen, no freedom of speech, and that will be the end of Chinese journalism."

"We ask the authorities to arrest those who are responsible for Mr. Yang's illegal arrest and tragic death, and investigate the conditions under which he was tortured and died."

"We demand the release of other innocent newspapermen—"

Chen Cheng, Shen Yuan-chang and Tung Chiu-fang, who were arrested with Mr. Yang."

Yang and the other newspapermen were arrested by Kuomintang Third War Zone authorities simply because they were listed among more than 100 friends of an OWI employee victimized for having been sent on an OWI fact-gathering

mission behind Japanese lines. Yang himself was employed part time by OWI, which demanded his release.

When he died in Hangchow, mysterious red and black-and-blue marks were found on Yang's body. His widow, suspecting poisoning, demanded an autopsy, which has been refused by Kuomintang authorities.

# Poles Ask Allies Not to Curb UNRRA Food

**WARSAW, Feb. 25 (Polpress).—**President Boleslaw Bierut has cabled an urgent appeal to President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Stalin against the announced curtailment of UNRRA food supplies to Poland.

Herbert H. Lehman, head of UNRRA, informed Poland of the food cut in a message to the government.

Premier Edward Osobka-Morawski has cabled Lehman describing the resultant suffering in Poland if the original UNRRA food quotas are not received.

# Pole Officer Exposes Bor

Lieut. Gen. Bor-Komorowski pretended "hero" of the Warsaw uprising, is exposed in the February Protestant magazine which reaches the stands today (Tuesday).

The magazine publishes "The Great Bor Lie" by the late Col. Michal (Dabek) Skysko, who was on the headquarters staff of the People's Army in Warsaw throughout the fighting, and acted as liaison with Bor's Home Army.

Bor, Skysko wrote, "did not play any part in the stubborn struggle waged by the people on the barricades. He was only a puppet in the hands of the London clique and the military adventure at home."

# Babies to Parade For Price Control

Children will protest attempts to break price and rent controls in a kiddy and baby carriage parade at 3 p.m. this afternoon (Tuesday) at Jerome Ave. and 208 St.

The demonstration is sponsored by the Moshulu Consumer Council.

A rent control rally, to be held at P.S. 30, Steuben Ave. and Moshulu Parkway, Thursday (Feb. 20), will also be advertised. Michael J. Quill and ALP Assemblyman Leo Isaacson will be the main speakers at the rally.

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# Eccles Sees Bulge Policy Boosting Prices 10%

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Chairman Marriner S. Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board, predicted today that the cost of living may rise to 40 percent above prewar levels, 10 percent more than now, under the Administration's new wage-price policy. He raised the prospect of costlier merchandise in urging the House Banking and Currency Committee to extend the Price Control Act, due to expire June 30, as long as necessary for short supplies to catch up with demand.

"Price controls are virtually our last bulwark against increasing costs of living," he said. As he testified, President Truman, by executive order, re-established

the Office of Economic Stabilization and formally placed administrator Chester Bowles at its head. The order also revives the Economic Stabilization Board. Both were early post-war casualties but are being brought back to life to support the battle against inflation.

Rep. Wright Patman, (D-Tex), asked Eccles for his estimate on the value of today's dollar as compared with the pre-war greenback. "According to OPA figures, the dollar is about 30 per cent inflated," Eccles replied.

"I should think that with increased wages and prices under the new wage price policy, there is a possibility, according to some estimates, that we may get an increase to a maximum of 40 percent."

"Accordingly," he said, "there can be no doubt that the emergency Price Control Act of 1942 should be extended for a sufficiently long period to enable production to become reasonably correlated with demand."

Commenting on wage raise, he said they should be met out of productivity and profits. He took the employer view that some wage increases result in price and termed these "inflationary."

"It has been contended that all price controls should be removed in order to insure full production. Where price ceilings do not in fact afford a sufficient margin of profit to call forth production, they can and doubtless will be adjusted, but these conditions are not general."

One of the greatest mistakes this country made, Patman interjected, "was to reduce taxes so much and so soon."

Eccles also told the committee that:

1. Of today's money supply, the general public has available in demand deposits and currency more than \$125 billion; holds another \$100 billion in government securities, and has almost \$50 billion in time deposits.

2. The tremendous expansion of bank credit, swelling the money supply, is a primary source of inflationary pressures now.

3. Prices range from 20 to 70 per cent higher than they were in 1940.

4. Money in circulation is more than four times the pre-war amount because of higher prices, higher employment and higher payrolls; more persons away from home, increased use of currency instead of small checks, black market operations in currency, tax evasion and non-payment, and greater dollar holdings by foreigners.

## Hierarchy's Bid May Block Negro From School Board

Mayor William O'Dwyer may not appoint a Negro to the vacancy on the Board of Education because of pressure from leaders of the local Catholic hierarchy, a Negro leader told the Daily Worker yesterday.

The Negro spokesman said the Church is insisting that the post be given to a Catholic.

Ever since O'Dwyer took office as Mayor, and even before, a campaign has been on to fill the vacancy created when Daniel Paul Higgins of Manhattan retired on Dec. 19. The demand was raised by leaders in all walks of life, who pointed out that no Negro had served on the seven-man board since 1922, when the term of Dr. E. P. Roberts expired.

### 5,000 URGE APPOINTMENT

Only last week, 5,000 parents urged the Mayor during a Brotherhood Week ceremony to make a Negro appointment. They said that "no other single, official act would so epitomize to the people of this city, both Negro and white, the real import of brotherhood as an appointment, at this time, of a Negro to the Board of Education."

Community leaders who have urged such an appointment are Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Lawrence Reddick, head of the Schomburg Collection; Mrs. Rose Russell, Teachers Union legislative director; Saul Mills, secretary of the City CIO; Edward Lewis, executive director of the New York Urban League, and many others.

The fight to end discrimination against Negro educators has been broadened as a result of the exposure by Dr. Dan Dodson of the Mayor's Committee on Unity, who revealed that no single Negro holds a professorship in any private university or college in this city. As for the four city colleges, there is only a token representation of Negroes on the faculties.

### FIGHT CONTINUES

The Negro leader told the Daily Worker that a campaign is also being considered to seat a Negro on the Board of Higher Education because of the resignation of Harry S. Rogers of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute on Feb. 13.

The Board of Education will be faced with still another empty seat when Miss Mary Dillon's term expires on March 31. The Mayor has indicated he intends to reappoint Miss Dillon, the Daily Worker informant said.

Miss Dillon's right to any civic post, and especially the Education Board, was questioned by the Negro leaders because of biased job policies

### Parents Group Asks Negro on Ed. Board

The United Parents Association announced yesterday it had urged Mayor O'Dwyer to make an immediate appointment to the Board of Education.

While the organization noted that appointments should be made regardless of race, color or creed, it called O'Dwyer's attention to the fact that no Negro has been on the Board for 25 years.

## Want Negro On Education Board

A Harlem parent, commenting on school conditions exposed in the United Parents Association report, said:

"Children are unable to wash their hands at all, because the water is shut off in the wash-rooms."

This is one form of neglect practiced in Harlem by the Board of Education. There are other more deliberate forms such as the zoning of schools to segregate Negro students from their neighborhood playmates. Or the failure to get going on a program showing students of different backgrounds how to live, work and relax together.

Appointment of a Negro to the Board of Education would help end these forms of bias. First, it would mean that the Board of Education, an all-white group for 25 years, intends to start on "home grounds" in practicing democracy. Second, it would mean representation of the people of Harlem—and Bedford-Stuyvesant—who comprise about eight percent of the city's population. Third, it would answer the demands by trade unions and other organizations, Negro and white, who believe such an appointment would help fight bias against any minority group in the school system.

These organizations, as well as Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., have urged Mayor O'Dwyer to appoint a qualified Negro. This can be done at once.

The Board of Education has a vacancy, created by the resignation of Daniel Paul Higgins on Dec. 19, 1945.

Mayor O'Dwyer can make such an appointment now, today.

of the Brooklyn Borough Gas Co., which she heads.

Sen. Louis L. Friedman, Brooklyn Democrat, recently charged three utility companies in his borough with barring Negroes and Jews from employment. One was Miss Dillon's firm.

He indicated that the drive to seat a Negro on the Education Board would be intensified.

### UE Wins Poll At Ingersoll-Rand

PAINTED POST, N. Y., Feb. 25. —A first major organizational victory since the strike wave began was seen here by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. Workers of the Ingersoll-Rand machine division voted 652 to 270 for the UE in a National Labor Relations Board collective bargaining poll.

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# In this corner

Labor Will Kayo Jimcrow,  
Says Joe Louis

Bill Mardo

That heavyweight king Joe Louis is as much a champion in his role of Private Citizen, was more than borne out anew yesterday in an interview with Gertrude Stoughton of the Daily People's World in Los Angeles.

But suppose we allow our California colleague to tell you the story just as she got it from the great Negro battler:

Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, will not make any predictions about his forthcoming fight with Billy Conn, but he does predict that relations between Negro and white Americans are going to improve greatly within the next few years. And Louis says that organized labor is going to make the difference.

He repeated this statement twice, sitting before an open fire in the home of a friend here. The huge fighter, still damp from being caught in the rain during a golf workout, was being interviewed by the Daily People's World, The Pittsburgh Courier and a young Swedish news correspondent.

I asked him if he thought army experience was helping to break down prejudice and he shrugged.

"No, I'd say it was labor," he answered.

"The champ seemed thoroughly glad to be away from the army, 'out from army orders,' as he said.

"It's too bad they killed the FEPC bill in the Senate," he declared, but he didn't seem discouraged about it.

He was interested to hear about the campaign to put FEPC on the ballot here in California.

Louis had flown to Los Angeles to take part in the Negro athletic awards dinner sponsored by The Pittsburgh Courier to raise scholarship funds for young Negro athletes.

"I never run into any discrimination myself," he said, "never. But I know how hard it is on the way up. I wish all my people had the same chances I have had."

Boxing is one sport where a man really gets a chance if he's good, Louis said.

"In the boxing game, everybody's equal," he put it.

"If you can fight, you'll get ahead."

He was pleased to see the baseball Jimcrow tradition broken by Jackie Robinson and said he thought the whole field of sports "would soon open up."

Louis goes into training March 7 at French Lick, Ind., for his bout with Conn, which will be held in New York's Yankee Stadium in June.

In spite of his long string of championship victories, he won't brag beforehand.

"I can't wait until I'll do when I get in there," he said. "All I know is that I'm going to try hard."

The strong pro-labor sentiments expressed by Joe Louis in the above interview doesn't come as any surprise to those who've been closely following Joe's career. From the time he first burst into prominence, the quiet-spoken boxer has made no bones about where he stands politically. Joe has never for a moment forgotten the miserable life he and his folks led in the Buckalew mountain region of Alabama, where the Barrows picked cotton on a 120-acre of rocky soil. Joe has never forgotten the jam-packed tenement house he lived in during his teen-years in the Negro section of Detroit. And Joe Louis learned many lessons as an assembly-line worker in the Ford plant.

Through the years Joe Louis has always identified himself with the struggles of the Negro people and the working class as a whole. Whether it was while kayaking Hitler's superman myth in the guise of Max Schmeling; whether it was in reminding his people that they had as great a stake as any other minority group in fighting the anti-Axis war; ("Sure there's plenty of things wrong in America, but Hitler ain't gonna fix them."); or whether it was in personally endorsing Ben Davis for reelection to the City Council; or as yesterday, in hailing labor as the greatest fighters for the end of Jimcrow—but always, Joe Louis has been a great champion of the common man.

And there's no doubt that in the critical days ahead, long after his gloves have been hung up, Joe Louis will be punching ever harder and faster. For labor, democracy, and a new world-a-coming.

## LUPIEN ASKS GI RIGHTS

LEXINGTON, Mass., Feb. 25 (UP). — Ex-Sailor Tony Lupien admitted today he was "all at sea" over why last year's eighth place Phillies had given up on him after he had battled 315 upon returning from military service last season.

Angry and bewildered over being sold out of the major leagues to the Hollywood Club of the Pacific Coast League, Lupien said that he would discuss his job rights as a war veteran with a Selective Service official in Boston Wednesday.

"The official contacted me last night after hearing about my case on the radio," Lupien said. "He said unofficially that he thought I was completely right in my

stand about protesting the transfer and asked me to confer with him."

Although the Phillies are in a rebuilding campaign and have obtained Frank McCormick from the Cincinnati Reds to hold down first base, Lupien said he felt he hadn't had a fair chance to compete for his job.

Lupien said he also hoped to hear shortly from baseball Commissioner Albert B. (Happy) Chandler regarding his case, which marks baseball's first test of a player's rights under the GI bill of Rights guaranteeing returning veterans their former jobs.



JOE LOUIS

# Can the Bombers Come Back?

By C. E. DEXTER

On the last day of the 1943 season, Doc Painter, then trainer of the New York Yankees, stared at the field where the famous old champions were going through the motions in preparation for the World Series.

"Take a good look, son," he said. "You are witnessing the passing of an era..."

Well, Doc is gone—he was supplanted that winter by another trainer. But, for a brief period, the Yankees of 1943 are back at the old stand.

Will it be a ghost stand—a brief reappearance before the old battlers begin to break apart at the seams?

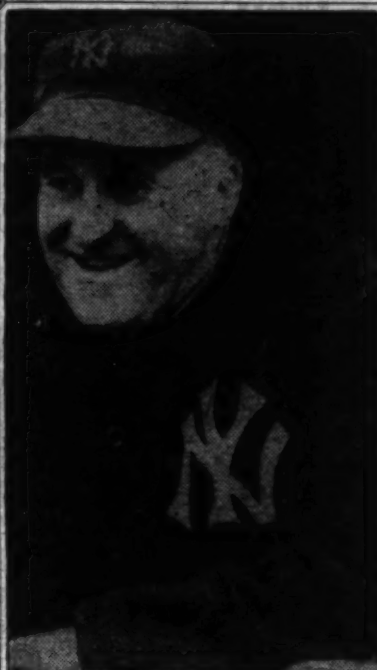
The first weeks of the coming season will supply this answer to one of the most provocative questions in the history of baseball. Can the smoothly operating Yankee machine of three years ago pick up at full speed where it left off?

In 1943, the Yankees were already weakening before the demands of war. Tommy Henrich was in the Coast Guard. Joe DiMaggio was in the Air Force. Phil Rizzuto was in the Navy. All three are again playing fine ball in Panama at this writing. Keller, Dickey, Gordon, Chandler, and Russo are once again in baseball uniforms. Of the championship outfit which swept the series, 4 games to 1, only Han Borowy is missing.

In place of Billy Johnson, who played third base that summer, is the speedy, zealous George Stinnett, at present a holdout.

According to all the rules, the Yankees, despite pitching weakness, should be able to play the kind of ball that made them famous.

However, there are some doubts. Glancing through the squad today, it is noteworthy that several of the boys are passing their peak. Rizzuto, Keller and Henrich are still young—and stars. Joe DiMaggio because of a long siege of stomach trouble,



Joe McCarthy's crew face tough job ahead.

is the question-mark class. Joe Gordon's play was marked by indifference as early as 1942. Reports are that he is overweight, and although he performs as nimbly in these spring games as he ever did, he must face a test when the season begins. Bill Dickey is well on the sere side. Of the old pitchers, Russo is recovering from a bad arm case. Bonham has never been the pitcher he promised to be. Ruffing will be good only for relief and occasional starts.

As for the first base problem—

Joe McCarthy has three tested firstsackers in Ethen, Sturm and Hassett, with the betting on Nick to hold the job.

This is hardly a team to cause congestion in the nasal passages resulting in a sneeze. You can't laugh off the Yankees, but it is worthy of note that two other American League teams are far stronger today than they were in 1943.

The Tigers, for example, have an overpowering pitching staff in Newhouse, Trout and Trucks, backed up by Benton, Mueller, Overmire, Tobin and Wilson, with a kid by the name of Louis Kretlow who may be a sensation. The Tigers will hardly match the Yankees in infield glamour but their outfield, with McCoskey, Mullin, Wakefield and the much heralded Hoot Evers should splash hits all over the map.

The Red Sox, too, are greatly improved—and not with age. Bagby, Ferriss, Mickey Harris and Hughson form a pitching quartette better than anything the Yanks can offer. The catching with Pytlak, Conroy and Wagner alternating is as strong as New York's. That York, Doerr, Pesky infield combination, plus Tobin and LaForest is awfully good. And the outfield of Tel Williams, Dom DiMaggio and Metkovich is full of awesome power.

So my advice is, don't sell the Yankees long yet. They field a lineup of famous names, but they have a tough job ahead....

## 11 A.M. TO NOON

- 11:00-WEAF-Fred Waring Show
- WOR-News Reports
- WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
- WABC-Amateur Sketch
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-Alma Detlinger, News
- 11:15-WOR-Trio-Test-Quiz
- WABC-Second Husband-Sketch
- 11:30-WEAF-Barry Cameron-Sketch
- WOR-Morning Matinee
- WJZ-Horne Edition
- WABC-A Woman's Life-Play
- WMCA-News Reports
- WQXR-Stringtime
- 11:45-WEAF-David Harum
- WJZ-Talk-Victor Lindahl
- WQXR-Ted Malone-Talk
- WABC-Aunt Jenny's Stories
- WMCA-This Woman's World

## NOON TO 2 P.M.

- 12:00-WEAF-Don Goddard, News
- WOR-News; Hymns; You Love
- WJZ-Glamour Manor
- WABC-News; Kate Smith's Chat
- WQXR-News; Lunchtime Music
- 12:15-WEAF-Margi McWells
- WABC-Big Sister
- 12:30-WEAF-Art Van Damme Quartet
- WOR-News; Woman's Exchange
- WABC-Helen Trent
- 12:45-WABC-Our Gai Sunday
- 1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride
- WOR-Musical Appetizer
- WJZ-H. R. Baukage, News
- WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful
- WQXR-Clifford Brana
- WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
- 1:15-WOR-Jack Bundy's Album
- WJZ-Constance Bennett-Talk
- WABC-Ma Perkins
- WMCA-Inquiring Parent
- 1:30-WOR-Lopez Orchestra
- WJZ-Galen Drake
- WABC-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
- WMCA-The Captain Tim Healy
- 1:45-WEAF-Morgan Beatty, News
- WOR-John J. Anthony
- WABC-Rose Along Club
- WMCA-Studio Orchestra

## 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

- 2:00-WEAF-The Guiding Light
- WOR-Easy Aces-Sketch
- WJZ-John E. Kennedy, News
- WABC-Second Mrs. Burton
- WQXR-News; Music in the Air
- 2:15-WEAF-Today's Children
- WOR-Monaghan, Record Man
- WJZ-Ethel and Albert-Sketch
- WABC-Perry Mason-Sketch
- 2:30-WEAF-Woman in White
- WOR-Queen for a Day
- WJZ-Bride and Groom
- WABC-Rosemary-Sketch
- WQXR-Masquerade
- 2:45-WEAF-Masquerade-Sketch
- WABC-Tena and Tim-Sketch
- 3:00-WEAF-A Woman of America
- WOR-Martha Dean Program
- WJZ-Al Pearce Show
- WABC-Time to Remember
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News; Request Music
- 3:15-WEAF-Ma Perkins-Sketch
- WABC-This Is New York
- 3:30-WEAF-Pepper Young
- WOR-John Gambling, News
- WJZ-Ladies Be Seated
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-What's on Your Mind?
- 3:45-WEAF-Right to Happiness
- WABC-Sing Along Club
- 4:00-WEAF-Better Half-Quiz
- WOR-Better Half-Quiz
- WJZ-Jack Berch Show
- WABC-House Party
- WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
- 4:15-WEAF-Stella Dallas
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- 4:30-WEAF-Lorena Jones-Sketch
- WOR-Art Dr. Brady
- WJZ-Shirley Mydans
- WABC-Gordon MacRae, Songs
- WMCA-News; March of Dimes
- 4:45-WEAF-Young Wilder Brown
- WJZ-Hop Harrigan
- WABC-Feature Story
- 5:00-WEAF-When a Girl Marries
- WOR-Uncle Don
- WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
- WABC-School of the Air
- WQXR-News; Music
- 5:15-WJZ-Portia Faces Life
- WOR-Superman
- WJZ-Dick Tracy
- WMCA-Let's Listen to a Story
- WQXR-Today in Music
- 5:30-WEAF-Just Plain Bill
- WOR-Captain Midnight
- WJZ-Jack Armstrong-Sketch
- WABC-Climarron Taverna-Sketch
- WMCA-News; Jerry Baker, Songs
- WQXR-Grandstand Music
- 5:45-WEAF-Front Page Farrell
- WOR-Ten Mile
- WJZ-Trans-Sun-Jed-Sketch
- WABC-Sparrow and the Hawk
- WQXR-Man About Town-Sue Reed

## 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

- 6:00-WEAF-Schubert
- WOR-Paul Schuberl
- WJZ-Ethel and Albert-Sketch
- WABC-Quincy Howe, News
- WQXR-News; Music to Remember
- 6:15-WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
- WJZ-Here's Morgan
- WABC-Patti Morgan, Songs
- 6:25-WQXR-News; Dinner Concert
- 6:30-WOR-Fred Van deventer, News
- WJZ-News; Sports Talk
- WABC-Evelyn Posen, Soprano
- WMCA-Racing Results
- 6:40-WEAF-Ten Mile
- 6:45-WEAF-Lowell Thomas
- WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
- WJZ-Cal Tinney
- WABC-The World Today-News
- 7:00-WEAF-Supper Club, Variety
- WOR-Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- WJZ-Headline Edition
- WABC-Jack Kirkwood Show
- WQXR-News; Lisa Sergio
- 7:15-WEAF-News of the World
- WOR-The Answer Man
- WJZ-Raymond Swing
- WABC-Jack Smith Show
- WMCA-Five-Star Final
- WQXR-Opera Scapbook
- 7:30-WEAF-Barry Fitzgerald Show
- WOR-Arthur Hale
- WJZ-Boston Blackie-Play
- WABC-Concert Orchestra
- WQXR-Raymond Walsh
- 7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
- WJZ-Johannes Steel
- WMCA-Dinah Shore Records
- 8:00-WEAF-Johnny Desmond, Margaret Whiting, Songs; Herb Shriner
- WOR-Leave It to Mike
- WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner
- WABC-Big Town
- WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
- 8:15-WJZ-Elmer Davis
- WMCA-American Aid to Russia-Edward C. Carter
- 8:30-WEAF-A Date With Judy-Comedy

- WOR-The Falcon-Play
- WJZ-Dark Venture-Play
- WABC-Theater of Romance
- WMCA-Recorded Music
- 8:55-WABC-Bill Henry, News

## 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

- 9:00-WEAF-Amos 'n' Andy
- WOR-Gabriel Heatter
- WJZ-Lombardo Orchestra
- WABC-Inner Sanctum-Play
- WMCA-News; Business Forum
- WQXR-Worldwide News Review
- 9:15-WOR-Real Life Stories
- WQXR-Great Names
- 9:30-WEAF-Fibber McGee and Molly
- WOR-American Forum
- WJZ-The Doctors Talk It Over
- WABC-This Is My Best
- WMCA-New World A'Coming
- WQXR-Cavalade of Music
- 9:45-WJZ-Talk-Norman Thomas
- 10:00-WEAF-Bob Hope Show
- WJZ-Concert Time
- WABC-Bob Crosby Show
- WQXR-News; Record Album
- 10:15-WOR-I Was a Convict
- WMCA-National Service Award to Judge Samuel I. Rosenman
- 10:30-WEAF-Red Skelton Show
- WOR-The Symphonette
- WJZ-Hoodler Hop, Variety
- WABC-Congress Speaks
- WQXR-Frank Kingdom
- 10:45-WABC-Behind Scenes at CBS
- WMCA-Helen Hadley, Piano
- 11:00-WEAF, WOR-News; Music
- WABC, WJZ-News; Music
- WMCA-News; Music; Talk
- WQXR-News; Symphony Hour
- 11:15-WABC-Talk, Winston Churchill
- 12:00-WEAF, WABC-News; Music
- WJZ, WOR-News; Music
- WQXR-News Reports

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OSSIE DAVIS

## 'Jeb' Deserves Long Life, Says Ossie Davis

By BETH McHENRY

OSSIE DAVIS who plays the lead in Robert Ardrey's *Jeb* is pleased but not thrown by the acclaim of the critics. Even those who panned the play spoke of his work with enthusiasm.

Davis said he could play *Jeb* because he could feel the part. He himself likes the play a lot, likes the men and women with whom he works in it, and feels that it deserves a long life on Broadway.

Mr. Davis, newly separated from the army, told us how his own personal "reconversion" was interrupted by the offer to play *Jeb*. We talked with him in his dressing room backstage at the Martin Beck before the matinee last Saturday. He said he had hardly got out of his army gear (he's still trying to find a few shirts the right size) when he had the telegram asking him to read *Jeb* for Producer Herman Schumlin and Ardrey. They liked him, so it was a go from the beginning.

Three months of hard rehearsing, however, hasn't given much of a chance to catch his civilian breath. He still has a few pretty basic things he attend to—including finding a place to live.

"I've been sleeping at a friend's apartment ever since I returned to New York," Mr. Davis said, "I know I'm just one of the many, but it's hard to feel settled until you've at least got a room to put your suitcase in."

Davis also has a typewriter to place, some writing he longs to get to. For Ossie Davis acting was in the beginning only secondary to writing. He decided to learn to act as part of the business of learning the technique of playwrighting. Now he is pretty taken up with acting as a profession too and hopes to combine both talents.

### ARMY DREAMS

Mr. Davis' three years and nine months in the army were spent for the most part in Liberia. Like many another young man in the service he did a lot of hard thinking, hoping for much in the postwar. He returned to find a hopeful roster of serious plays on Broadway, including *Deepa*, *Are the Roots* and *Strange Fruit*. He said, it begins to look as if themes of consequences are finding their way into the American theater. The heavy attacks from some sections of the press on *Jeb*, however, have made him wonder if the advances made in the theater so far won't have to fought for much more forcibly.

Ossie Davis, a handsome young man of 28, with an easy friendliness and obvious self-confidence, came to New York via Howard University from a little town called Valdosta in Georgia. He became part of the Rose McClendon Players in New York, working daytimes in the garment industry, learning plenty both places.

He hopes playwrights and producers will tackle many more plays in the immediate future dealing with the Negro problem.

# Of Men Who Fought Fascism

**OPEN CITY**, Italian film with English subtitles at the World Theatre, 48 St. off Broadway. Story by Sergio Amidei. Scenario and dialogue by Amidei and Fellini. Music by Rossellini. Photographed by Ubaldo Arata. English titles by Pietro Di Donato and Herman G. Weinberg. Directed by Roberto Rossellini. Produced by Excelsa-A. Minerva Film. Presented by Arthur Mayer and Joseph Burstyn.

By DAVID FLATT

**A**LL the anger and grief of Italy under the Nazi-fascist terror is recorded in this beautiful film of the people's resistance.

*Open City* pictures the sacrifices of the working people of Rome between 1943 when the Germans occupied the city until liberation day, June, 1944.

It is not only the finest Italian-made film ever shown here, but it ranks with the best Russian war pictures. While it is not a documentary, it is so well done that it could be taken for a newsreel of those difficult days.

*Open City* is honest, human, eloquent and bitter in its hatred toward the fascists. A significant feature of the picture is its portrayal of a deep friendship between Don Pietro, a Catholic Priest who is a loyal member of the underground, and Manfredi, a Communist worker and leader, who, before he joined the fight in his own country, shouldered a gun in the struggle of the Spanish Loyalists.

### ELUDING THE NAZIS

The film centers around a Gestapo hunt for Manfredi. He has come to Rome to get funds for the underground. With a price on his head, it is unsafe for Manfredi to appear in the streets. His efforts to elude Nazi patrols, his secret meetings with other members of the underground, his betrayal by a narcotic addict whom he once loved, his granite-like resistance to the most bestial tortures ever devised by man, add up to one of the most moving films we have ever seen.

Manfredi (played by Marcello Pagliero, an actor with a style that recalls Jean Gabin), in those terrible torture scenes demonstrates

### Carver School Adds New Course

The George Washington Carver School, 57 W. 125 St., has inaugurated a new course to aid Civil Service employees in preparing for examinations for permanent Federal positions.

Clifford C. Davis, who has been chosen as instructor for the new classes, was recently discharged from the army. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and of Ohio State University.

First group to take advantage of the new course is the membership of Local 21, United Federal Workers, CIO.

### Artists Oppose New Tax Plan

The Artists League of America has protested Mayor O'Dwyer's tax revision plan as "unjust and unrealistic."

At a membership meeting of the League held last week the artists attacked the plan as "not based on the ability of the working masses to pay, but one that again throws the responsibility on those less able to pay."

### Weston to Speak

Edward Weston, noted photographer, will be a guest at the Photo League, 30 East 29 St., Thursday evening, Feb. 28.

Weston, who now has an exhibit on view at the Museum of Modern Art, will lead a discussion of his work. This will be his only current appearance in New York.



The sorrow and anger of Italy under the Nazi terror are expressed in these dramatic scenes from the stirring Italian-made anti-fascist film "Open City" now at the World Theatre. Eight-year-old Vito Annicchiarico (left), has a prominent role in the film.

the unbreakable spirit of the working class and its Party, the Communist Party. *Open City* pulls no punches. Parts of it make your hair stand on end. You actually see a Nazi burning a huge hole in Manfredi's chest with a blow-torch, after which the barbarian draws the heroic Communist's finger-nails one by one, with a huge pincer.

When it is all over and Manfredi's body, but not his spirit, lies in ruins, Don Pietro, the Priest gently lifts the head of his fallen comrade. "Look are you satisfied?" the Nazi sadist shrieks. "There's your love for a brother." Pietro, grief-stricken answers quietly: "You couldn't kill his soul so you killed his body." The Priest, who with Manfredi had vowed never to divulge any information about the underground, then hurls "God's curse" on the fascists. "You will be trampled in the dust like vermin," is his heart-rendering cry into which he pours all his spiritual and bodily strength. The following day he too dies by a firing

squad, a martyr to the people's cause. His last memorable words: "It is not difficult to die well. It is difficult to live right." Little children who loved him because he was one of them attend the execution, walk sadly away when it's over.

### THE REAL THING

*Open City* puts to shame most of Hollywood's "anti-fascist" films. The dialogue, lighting, sets, people are as real as the sorrows and struggles of the Italian people against fascism. Much of the technical equipment used in shooting the picture was captured from retreating Germans. The script by Sergio Amidei

is tight and to the point. Roberto Rossellini has done amazingly well with untrained actors, many of whom fought in the underground. This partly explains the atmosphere of truth which prevails throughout the film. Of the professional actors, Anna Magnani's superb portrayal of Pina, a Roman widow of anti-fascist sympathies, is outstanding. There is more to be said about the brilliant portrayals of the Nazi perverts, and about the militant young children in the picture and the authentic scenes in the streets and in the homes of the people. All this will have to wait for a later article.

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# Anti-Soviet Brass Hats Plot to Save Nazi War Potential--AMG Official

By ROB F. HALL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A sordid story of how high placed American officials in military government, often with State Department support, plotted and connived to prevent the destruction of Germany's war potential was unfolded here today before committee by Russell A. Nixon. The witness, recently returned from Berlin where he was a division head on OMGUS, said the Potsdam agreement has been ignored and flouted while the State Department maneuvered to establish a western bloc against the Soviet Union.

"We are tragically permitting the preservation for Germany of an external economic basis for a third world war," he said.

Summarizing 17,000 words of hard-hitting testimony Nixon charged:

- That the U.S. State Department has secretly connived with Britain and France to exclude the Soviet Union from participation in search for concealed German assets in the so-called neutral countries: Spain, Argentina, Portugal, and Switzerland.

- That the big industrialists and bankers of Germany who were partners in Nazi war crimes have not been arrested and there are no plans for punishing 100,000 top Gestapo and SS men now held in comfortable custody.

- That the Potsdam decisions to break up cartels has bogged down because U. S. officials have joined the British in opposing a mandatory law defining cartels.

- That directives to destroy the giant I. G. Farben war industry have been ignored.

At the initiative of President Truman, Nixon said, the Potsdam conference agreed to a four-power control council to seize German assets in so-called neutral countries. The purpose was to destroy Germany's hidden war potential and to recover for reparations Nazi wealth estimated at from \$1.5 billion to \$3 billion. This tremendous undertaking could succeed only with the full cooperation of the four major powers, according to Nixon who was acting director of the Division of Investigation of Cartels and External Assets in MG.

## FROZE OUT USSR

However, the State Department instructed Nixon by cable to propose a set-up which would provide (a) That the Soviet Union be excluded from participation in controlling German assets in Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Sweden; (b) That the Soviet Union be confined to Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Finland and eastern Austria; and (c) That Argentina and Latin America be excluded from the work of the control council.

Despite State Department's claims that the Soviet Union agreed to this split, Nixon learned from discussion with the Soviet member of the external property commission that the USSR had not been consulted.

Because of the confusion resulting from "this reprehensible conniving," Nixon declared, the program has bogged down and "today, Nazis and Nazi agents are camouflaging and dissipating Nazi assets throughout the world."

Sen. Harley Kilgore (D-W.Va.), committee chairman interrupted to observe that this action by the State Department in destroying four-

power unity was the first step toward making UNO impotent.

"Not the first step, but a step," answered Nixon.

The break-up of cartels has been blocked by the British refusal to accept the Soviet draft of a law to decentralize all industries employing more than 3,000 and having a turnover of 25 million reichsmarks. American officials supported the British position, Nixon said.

Requested by Kilgore to name the American officials, Nixon listed Gen. Draper, of Dillon Reed banking firm; Col. Laird Bell, Chicago corporation attorney "of the Liberty League stripe"; Maj. Igor Petroff, General Motors attorney; Lt. Col. Bowles of the staff of Gen. Lucius Clay and members of the staff of Ambassador Robert Murphy.

As a result, said Nixon, we had no policy with which to reach the great economic concentrations which helped to bring the Nazis to power.

## 55 Grocery Items Slated to Lose Ceilings

Fifty-five grocery items, including all fresh fruits and vegetables will soon be booted off the price control list and on the road to inflation if the Office of Price Administration has its way. Item hidden in the financial section of yesterday's New York Times reveals.

The action was requested by the New York State food merchants association "at the suggestion of Geoffrey Baker, Deputy Administrator, OPA, who indicated the agency's receptiveness to the move...."

## CITIZENS GROUP CONFERS WITH MAYOR ON TRANSIT

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a day increase in addition to other economic demands.

The TWU, through Harry Sacher, its attorney blasted a declaration by Corporation Counsel John J. Bennett that the city was powerless under state law to enter into a collective bargaining contract with the union.

Sacher declared Bennett was unable to "cite a single law from among the hundreds of thousands which are to be found on our statute books which would be violated." He said further the cities of Detroit, Boston, San Francisco and Seattle own and operate transit

facilities yet each of these cities recognizes a single labor union as the exclusive bargaining representative and enters into agreements defining wages, hours and working conditions.

The CIO State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO, also nailed Bennett's contention by wiring the mayor that city sanitation workers "do not understand why Sanitation Commissioner Powell accords sole recognition to a company union which does not in fact represent the men." The SCMWO membership met last night to protest the city's preparations for strikebreaking on the subways.

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## Strikes in Madras, Karachi and Trichinopoly Hit British Terror

BOMBAY, Feb. 25 (UP).—Strikes broke out at Madras and Trichinopoly today and at Karachi where dispatches said. Police fired on turbulent crowds when Communists called a general strike Saturday.

It was revealed that a censorship had been imposed at Karachi Thursday and Friday at the height of the naval strike and that dispatches filed to London were suppressed.

Demonstrators at Madras stoned military trucks. Police charged them with their long staves. The police attacked others at railroad station.

Ten thousand workers struck at Trichinopoly.

Here five courts of inquiry were set up to investigate the Indian naval mutiny.

(Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, British commander-in-chief in India, said in a New Delhi broadcast heard in London said that it was impossible to give Indian Navy and air force men the same pay as those in the corresponding British services.)

Newspapers here estimated that 270 were killed, 1,260 wounded and 500 slightly wounded, total casualties of 2,030 last week.

## Egypt Lawyers to Stage Protest Strike

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (UP).—The National Lawyers Syndicate announced today that it will strike Tuesday in protest against British measures, and it was reported that

the Egyptian government had rejected Britain's protest over last Thursday's rioting.

All lawyers will cease work tomorrow, the announcement said, in condemnation of the "criminal assaults on Egyptian demonstrators" by British troops which resulted in 14 killed and more than 100 wounded.

A high-ranking Egyptian senator close to Premier Ismail Sidky said that the Egyptian government's reply to the British note not only rejected the British protest but lodged a protest of its own.

A general strike scheduled for today was postponed at the last hour when the premier convinced student and labor leaders that the government was doing its utmost to fulfill their demands.

## UE Defeats Westinghouse Injunction Suit in Pittsburgh

A victory against court injunctions was won by labor yesterday in Pittsburgh, where Common Pleas Judge Walter P. Smart denied an order asked by Westinghouse Electric Corp. to restrain picketing at its East Pittsburgh plant. In Bloomfield, N. J., however, a move to dismiss contempt charges

against five leaders of the CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers in a mass picketing case was rejected today by Chancellor Bigelow who had enjoined the picketing.

An important test of Chancellor Bigelow's injunction against mass picketing at the Westinghouse Bloomfield plant will come up in

Newark court at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Wednesday) before Chancellor Stein.

Chancellor Bigelow declared yesterday that if the case were to come before him he would charge the pickets with contempt of the state of New Jersey and its laws, an offense which carries a possible sentence of three years at hard labor. Ordinarily a \$100 fine or 15

days in jail would be the sentence.

Unionists coming before Chancellor Stein tomorrow are Richard Lynch, president of UE Local 410; Milton Weinrauch, Americo Fiore, Stanley Newton and Emmanuel Del Guidice.

## COMPANY MAN IS PROSECUTOR

A peculiar feature is the naming of Walter Waldau, Westinghouse attorney, as prosecutor.

The arrested union leaders are held responsible for mass picketing involving as many as 1,000 strikers at a time at the Westinghouse lamp works here. Defendants said pickets turned-out en masse without any call.

In Pittsburgh, Judge Smart held the company offered insufficient proof that the union had breached a labor agreement or seized or damaged the plant. He said the anti-injunction act of 1937 prevented granting an injunction under the evidence. The company said it would appeal.

Westinghouse had based its suit largely upon that won by Carnegie-Illinois Steel at Homestead, Pa.

In Schenectady, N. Y., 6,000 UE strikers, led by hundreds of veterans, many of them in uniform, defied an injunction to picket the General Electric. The union is appealing the injunction.

William Mastriani, a strike leader, was arrested in Schenectady yesterday a second time. He is on bail on disorderly conduct charges, placed by police when he refused to help open a path for scabs. The new arrest was believed to be connected with the injunction.

## CIO Calls for End to Gov't Curb on Pay Pact

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A call for the elimination of the Wage Stabilization Board's control over wage adjustments was sounded today by CIO president Philip Murray, in a formal letter to Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles.

At a news conference, Murray said the CIO sees "no reason for the existence of any governmental body whose sole function is to approve or disapprove wage adjustments reached through voluntary collective bargaining."

He stated his position was unanimously approved by the CIO Policy Committee.

Asked if the CIO "wants controls taken off wages but kept on prices," Murray replied, "That's a fair assumption." Questioned whether the CIO would withdraw from the WSB if its request is not granted, Murray said, "We are not withdrawing. We are asking our people on the WSB to present the letter to the WSB as a resolution."

The letter to Bowles cited the patterns now being set in the wage movements for restoring take-home

pay, and warned that "it would be severely injurious to the common welfare if, after the principles governing those wage settlements had been established, their application were deferred for an indefinite period of time or if they were applied in such a way as to deprive the workers who struggled to achieve those settlements of the full fruits of them."

"Having eliminated government intervention from the disputes phase of labor relations," he wrote, "it would be catastrophic to reintroduce it on the level of wage settlements."

Murray said the CIO has insisted, as has the President, that high profits and reduced costs can amply absorb wage increases.

He reaffirmed pledges to Bowles to cooperate in the fight to renew the Price Control.